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¶1. EconOff delivered the talking points (reftel A) to Minister of Industry and Trade Irving Guerrero on September 19. In the midst of a domestic energy crises (reftel B), Guerrero accepted the information but spent more time discussing his country's internal response to the price shocks.

¶2. Guerrero specifically asked for information on port conditions on the U.S. Gulf Coast and how that might affect future fuel shipments to Honduras. Post would welcome any additional information on the current condition of Gulf Coast petroleum terminals and other ports that could affect refined products exports to Honduras or the region.

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